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FROM MCILVAINE

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SUBJECT: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

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1. NEGOTIATIONS ON AWLF/WCI MERGER BEING CONDUCTED IN
WASHINGTON AND ARE IN ADVANCED STAGE FOR APPROVAL AWLF
BOARD MEETING NOV. 14.

2. INITIATIVE FOR MERGER CAME FROM WCI WHICH,
I SUSPECT, HAS FOUND RAISING THE SORT OF MONEY REQUIRED
FOR EITHER THE ZAMBEZI OR BANGWEULU PROJECTS
EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE IN PRESENT STATE
OF WORLD AND U.S. ECONOMY.

3. FOR MY PART I HAVE INSISTED THAT WCI GIVE US ASSURANCES
ALL THEIR COMMITMENTS TO GOZ ARE RESOLVED AMICABLY PRIOR
TO MERGER. AWLF CANNOT AND, I BELIEVE, AS PRIVATE U.S.
ORGANIZATION SHOULD NOT APPEMPT TO MANAGE A NATIONAL PARK
IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY. THE CONCEPT ITSELF IS UNWORKABLE
AND WOULD I FEAR IN THE END RESULT IN UNNECESSARY FRICTIONS
AND HENCE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE IN OVERALL U.S. LONG
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TERM INTERESTS. INDEED, THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE THE ACTUAL

SITUATION NOW.

4. AT THE SAME TIME I AM VERY HIGH ON ZAMBIA WHICH HAS DONE ONE OF BEST JOBS ON WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ON THIS CONTINENT. THIS SITUATION SHOULD BE HANDLED IN A WAY CALCULATED IN MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO U.S. IMAGE AS WELL AS AVOID DISCOURAGING GOZ COMMENDABLE CONSERVATION EFOORTS. WITHOUT KNOWING ANY DETAILS OF BANGWEULU PROPOSALS OR COUNTER PROPOSALS IT IS DIFFICULT MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS BUT AWLF COULD CERTAINLY HELP THROUGH CONTACTS IUCN, UNDP/FAO, ETC. TO GET GOZ THE KIND OF HELP THEY NEED.

5. I URGE DEPT. CONTACT IMMEDIATELY AWLF VICE-PRES. JOHN RHEA AND SHOW HIM THIS TRAFFIC. I WILL TRY TO ALERT HIM TO PROBLEM BY TELEPHONE TODAY.
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